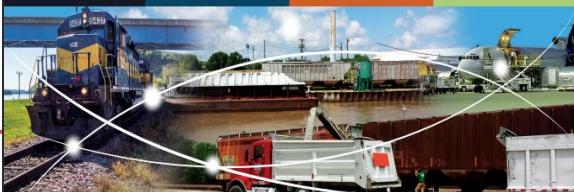


# LINKING IOWA'S FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROGRAM

Freight Advisory Council  
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## Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System Program



*In fall 2015, the Iowa DOT has a one-time funding source of \$2.6 million for the new Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System (LIFTS) program. This funding will be used for an initial round of project solicitation and awards that will demonstrate the demand and value of the LIFTS program to support future investments.*

*Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System Program will provide flexible funding to address freight transportation needs wherever they are and encourage partnerships to leverage federal, local and private funding.*

**The purpose of the program is to:**

- Enhance economic development by improving the multimodal freight transportation system. A strong multimodal infrastructure makes Iowa more attractive to new business development.
- Provide flexible funding for the changing demands of the freight transportation system. Flexible funding allows creative solutions for Iowa's unique infrastructure needs.
- Enhance the ability to provide competitive transportation options for shipment of products and moving goods. Today's companies are demanding the multimodal infrastructure needed to remain competitive in a global marketplace.
- Provide incentives to alternate modes for economic development partnership opportunities. Funding not tied to a specific mode will allow Iowa to leverage limited or more specific funding.

**Examples of the types of projects that may be funded include:**

- Transload facilities where products can be transferred between rail and truck
- Capacity improvements at barge terminal facilities
- Intermodal facility in partnership with private industry
- Barge transload facilities where products can be transferred from barge to rail or truck
- Remove height or width restrictions on existing
- Ramps or docks for loading/unloading air cargo
- Increase weight capacity to use heavier 286,000 lb. rail cars
- Expand or reconfigure rail yards to increase capacity or reduce dwell time
- Rehabilitate rail, barge or air freight infrastructure to improve condition or capacity to meet needs of Iowa business or industry

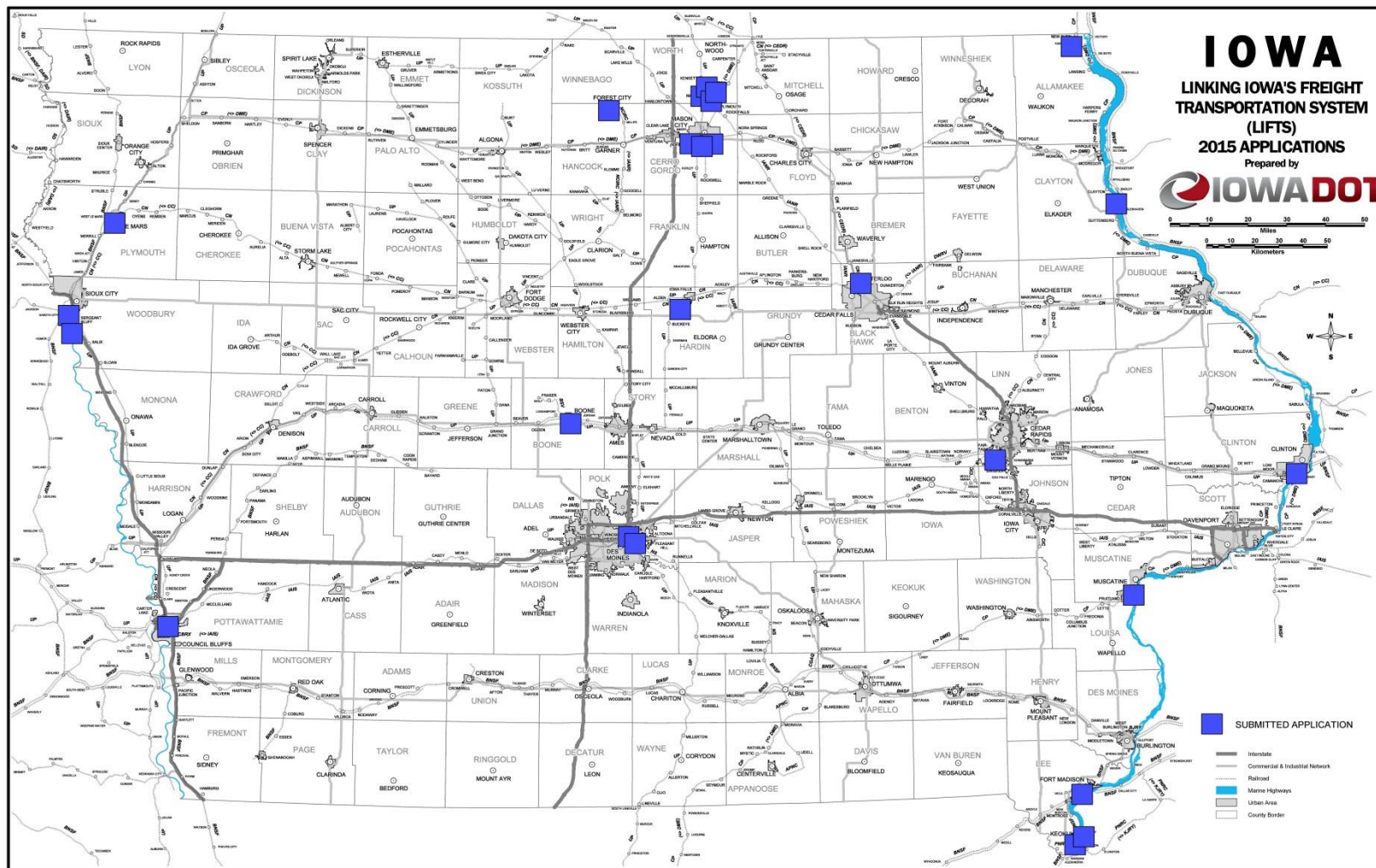
# Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System (LIFTS) Program

\$2.6 Million to be awarded as grant(s)

## **Program Purpose:**

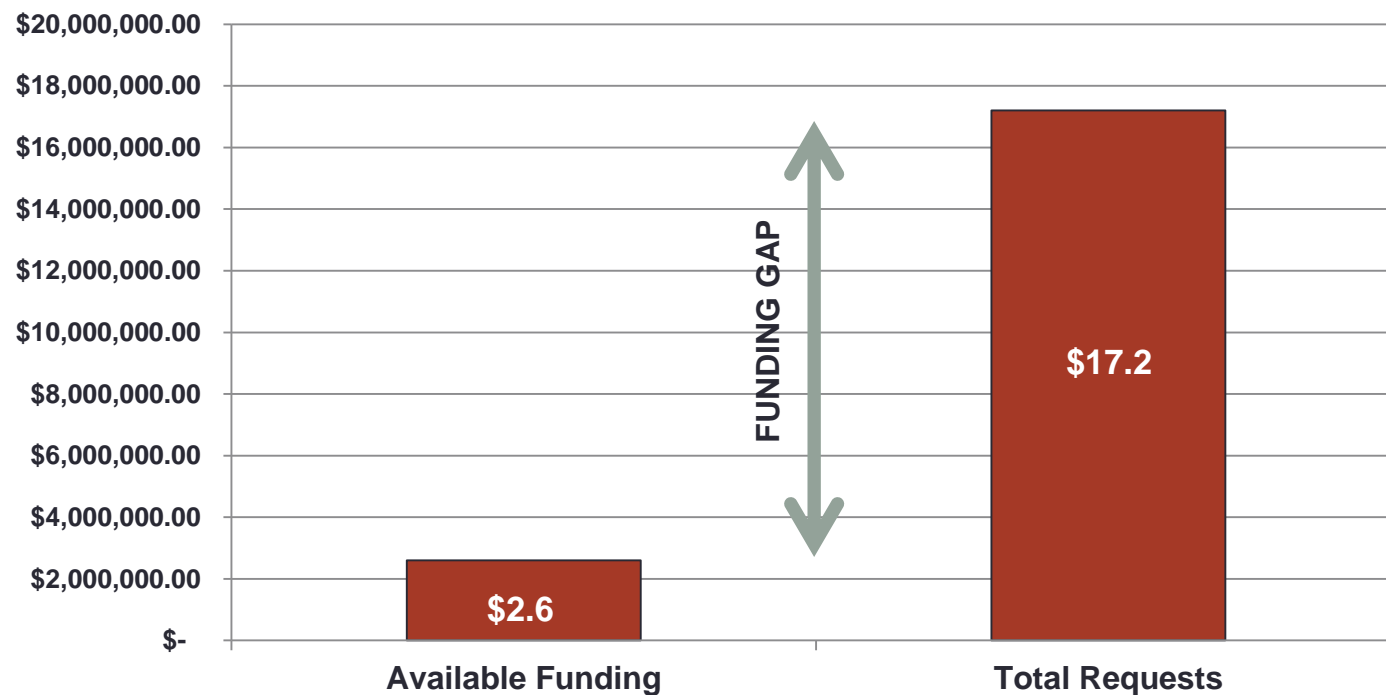
- Enhance economic development by improving multimodal freight transportation system
- Provide flexible funding for changing demands of freight transportation system
- Enhance ability to provide competitive transportation options for shipment of products and moving goods
- Provide incentives to other modes for economic development partnership purposes

# Application Locations - 2015



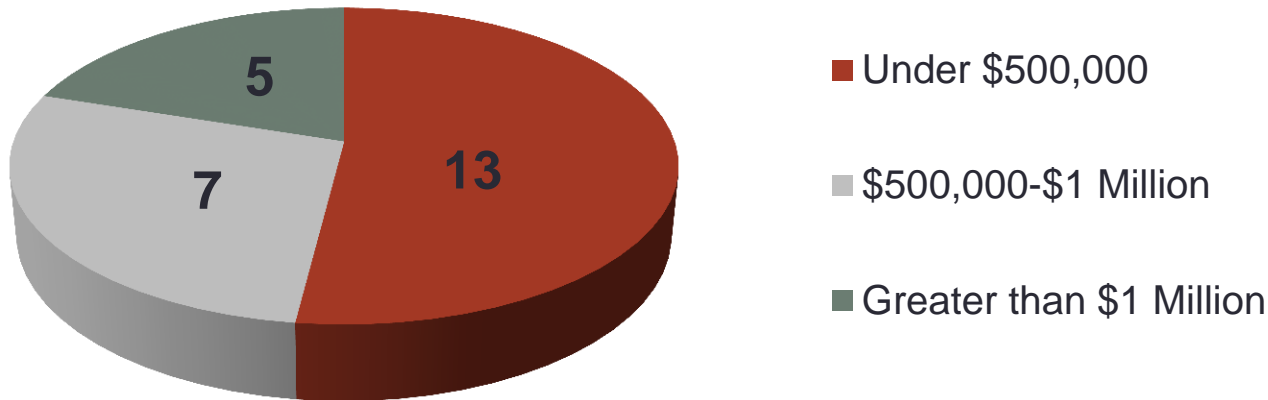
# LIFTS Funding Demand

- Iowa DOT has \$2.6 to award for LIFTS
- 25 grant requests totaled \$17.2 Million
- Demonstrates a \$14.4 million gap in funding



# Funding Requests

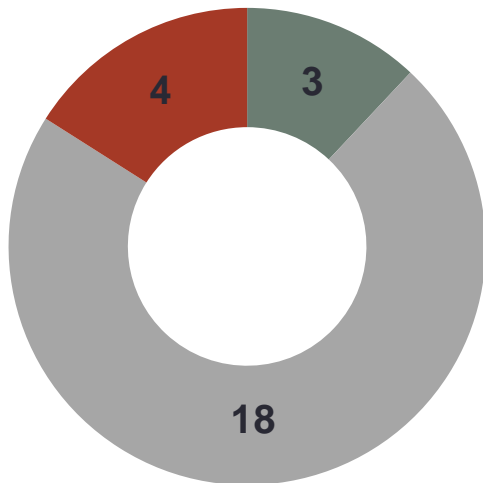
- 13 projects requested a grant of less than \$500,000
- 7 projects requested a grant between \$500,000- \$1 million
- 5 projects requested a grant greater than \$1 million



# Breakdown of Applications

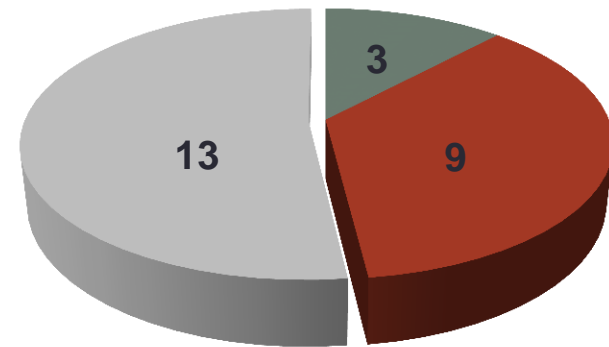
- Public (public-private) are eligible for 80% grant funding
- Private Companies are eligible for 50% grant funding

**Public vs. Private**



■ Public-Private   ■ Private   ■ Public

**Types of Projects**



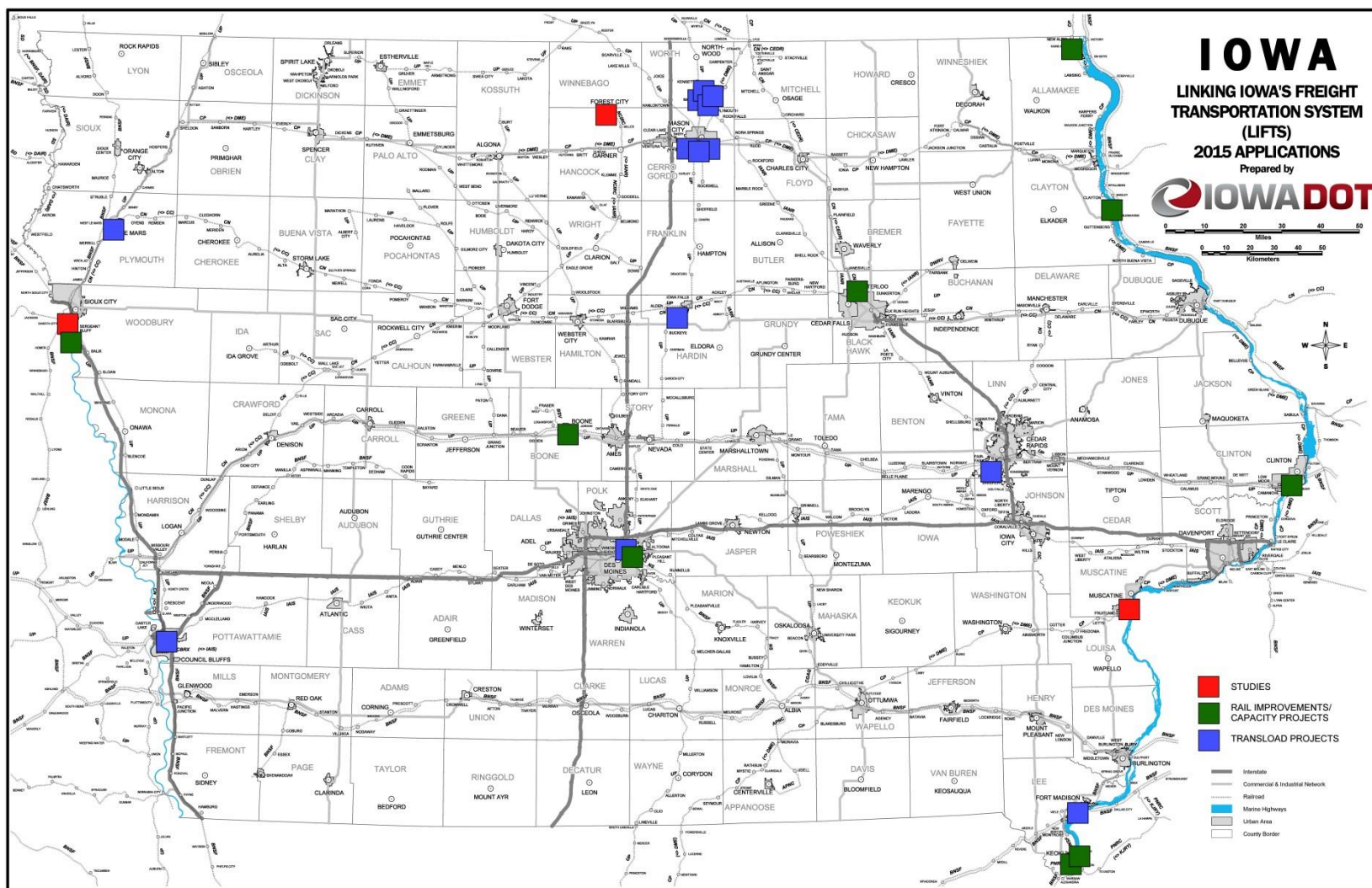
■ Studies  
■ Rail Improvement/Expansion  
■ Transload Projects

# List of Applicants

STUDIES
Forest City Economic Development
City of Muscatine
City of Sioux City

RAIL IMPROVEMENT/CAPACITY
Keokuk Junction Railway (2)
Boone Scenic Valley Railroad
ADM Terminal Services
Fausser Energy Resources
Tegra Corp/Big Soo Terminal
Kemin Industries
Standard Distribution Corp
Pattison Sand Company

TRANSLOADING
Burlington Junction Railway
Manly Terminal LLC (4)
Hall Towing Company
Sanders Products/Cerro Gordo County
GROWMARK Inc.
Midwest Dry Transload
Iowa Interstate Railroad
Iowa Falls Economic Development
CRANDIC
City of Des Moines



# Proposed Project Facts

(from all applications)

**9,306,204**

Tons of freight shipped annually

**342**

jobs created and or retained

**\$51,522,395**

Invested in Iowa freight over the next 5 years.

**2**

involved Mississippi transportation

Transload applications varied

- General merchandise
- Specific products
- Storage

Over the next 5 years

**890,013,112**

Ton-miles of freight diverted from the highway system

# LIFTS Project Evaluation

Projects will be evaluated by a review of:

- **Freight Transportation Benefits (40%)**, including freight connectivity, how the project addresses freight challenges and improves freight mobility and reliability, and provides benefits to customers and shippers.
- **Economic Benefits (30%)**, including job creation and retention, state-wide or regional influence, including benefits and cost savings to customers and shippers, other investment by sponsor (leveraging private investment).
- **Public Benefits (20%)**, including highway user benefits, safety, congestion relief, environmental and other public benefits
- **Project Readiness (10%)**, including design status, environmental clearances, permitting, expected timeline of project

# LIFTS Program Schedule

- ✓ October 23<sup>rd</sup>: Applications were due
- ***November - December: Project review by DOT staff***
- **January** – Present funding recommendation to Commission
- **February**: Seek Commission action
- **February-March**: Project Agreements underway

Questions?